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'The North has arrived'

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The chants were coming from the very back of Jurassic Park, with fans waving white towels as they screamed, "Let's go Raptors."

It was during a timeout, about three minutes to go in the final quarter of Game 7. Toronto was leading by 20. The Raptors were unstoppable. It almost felt unreal.

My knees were shaking. My heart was racing. I never thought I would see such a convincing Raptors victory at such a key moment in their history. And I wasn't alone.

"Maybe we are dreaming and it's a Miami lead and we're all Miami fans," joked my friend Germain Zima, whom I had just run into at the Fan Zone.

He — and hundreds of other diehard fans from across the city — had braved the cold to be outside the Air Canada Centre and show their undying support for the team.

Their prayers were answered — handily. In the past six games of this series, the Raptors had never scored 100 points. Here we were, a double-digits lead, scoring well over 100 points with three minutes to go.

Three minutes to the glory the Raptors and their fans had never tasted. As Kyle Lowry nailed yet another three-pointer following that timeout, six-year-old Kevin Ellis from Scarborough danced it out like it was a birthday party.

"I want to be Kyle Lowry when I grow up," he told me a few minutes afterward.

By now, fans had abandoned their blankets on the floor, chanting and dancing uncontrollably. It was a party in the city. Another thunderous dunk by Bismack Biyombo sent the crowd into total frenzy.

This was it. The Raptors had entered uncharted territory. They belonged to the franchise history books, after doing something even the legend Vince Carter hadn't achieved.

And they're not done.

"We're coming for you LeBron," Muhammad Tariq told me as the final buzzer sounded. "The North has arrived."

Bismack Biyombo celebrates a basket against the Miami Heat at the Air Canada Centre on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

BRING ON LEBRON

Raptors make franchise history with Game 7 win over Heat to advance to Eastern Conference final metroSPORTS

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Making friends: Service launches in Germany to help refugees and locals meet up. **World**

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

Travelling is my favourite memory. Going to Montréal with my family, I remember just being by the waterfall and taking pictures with my mom and dad. I was just talking about this last night, I want to go travel all over Europe.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

#EtiquetteFail a #TwitterSuccess

TRANSIT

Campaign puts focus on what's a no-GO on trains

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Thomas Hamilton doesn't ride the GO train often but when he does, he expects to find the seats clean.

So, seeing a fellow rider with their feet up on the seat "drives me nuts," he said.

"It's just disrespectful to others, especially in winter when people's shoes are wet," he said Sunday as he came off the Lakeshore East train at Union Station.

Metrolinx recently launched an online etiquette campaign targeting customers who behave inappropriately while on GO Transit. It followed a survey showing 67 per cent of riders are irked by those who put their feet up.

Loud talking on cellphones, littering and putting bags and other belongings on the seats also topped the list of discourteous behaviour.

The etiquette campaign aims to spark discussion among riders, and the hashtag #EtiquetteFail has already generated over two million impressions on social media, said Metrolinx spokesperson Anne Marie Aikins.

Kyle Jeffers @kjeff27 · Apr 27
This man.
He runs this here train.
#EtiquetteFail
I miss this to be an album cover.
@GOtransit @TheGOazyTrain

Fed up with fellow passengers, GO Transit riders have taken to shaming them on social media.
TWITTER

However, that hasn't necessarily led to better etiquette on board GO trains.

"I still see people and their feet up on seats," said Kesley Johnson, who commutes from Bramalea. "Whoever is handing out the fines should do it more, because right now it's not working."

Though the campaign encourages customers to interact with those misbehaving, most take to Twitter rather than engage in a direct discussion.

"I don't want that killer stare down," Hamilton said. "Law enforcement officers should be the ones doing their job, not me."

Most etiquette offences aren't considered a bylaw violation, although transit safety officers can issue a $75 fine to riders who break the rules. However, Aikins did not know how many people have been fined since the etiquette campaign started.

Despite the campaign, some riders still feel their feet deserve a seat.

"Sometimes I'm tired from work and my feet are killing me," said Teena Garofalo, who takes the train from Mimico. "If the train is not full and I'm not taking anybody's seat, I think it's fine."

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KENSINGTON MARKET

Heritage status in question

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's one of the most well-known neighbourhoods in the city and a popular destination for tourists, but is Kensington Market worthy of heritage status?

That's the question the city will seek to answer as it embarks on a two-year study to determine whether the colourful corner of Toronto should be designated an official heritage conservation district.

"The heritage in Kensington is not just unique in structure and architecture, it's also cultural," said Ward 20 Coun. Joe Cressy, who secured approval for the study from council last week.

Adding Kensington Market to the existing 21 heritage conservation districts across the city would help preserve the neighbourhood's multiculturalism, he said.

"There's a lot of development pressure on the edges of Kensington Market," he said, and new guidelines are needed to prevent "a gazillion condo developments" from popping up.

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The 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD offer as advertised in the Toronto Metro on May 13th is incorrect. The description mistakenly stated that it included 5" touch-screen display with Android Auto™. The 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD includes 5" touch-screen display, but does not include Android Auto™. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Majority of residents want cycling network finished faster

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A new poll shows Torontonians want to put their money where their bicycles are.

The poll, conducted by Angus Reid and commissioned by Evergreen, shows a majority of residents want the city to spend more on building cycling infrastructure.

The poll comes as council gets set to debate how — and how quickly — to expand Toronto's cycling network. City staff have prepared a 10-year cycling plan that includes a "minimum grid" of protected bike lanes reaching into the suburbs.

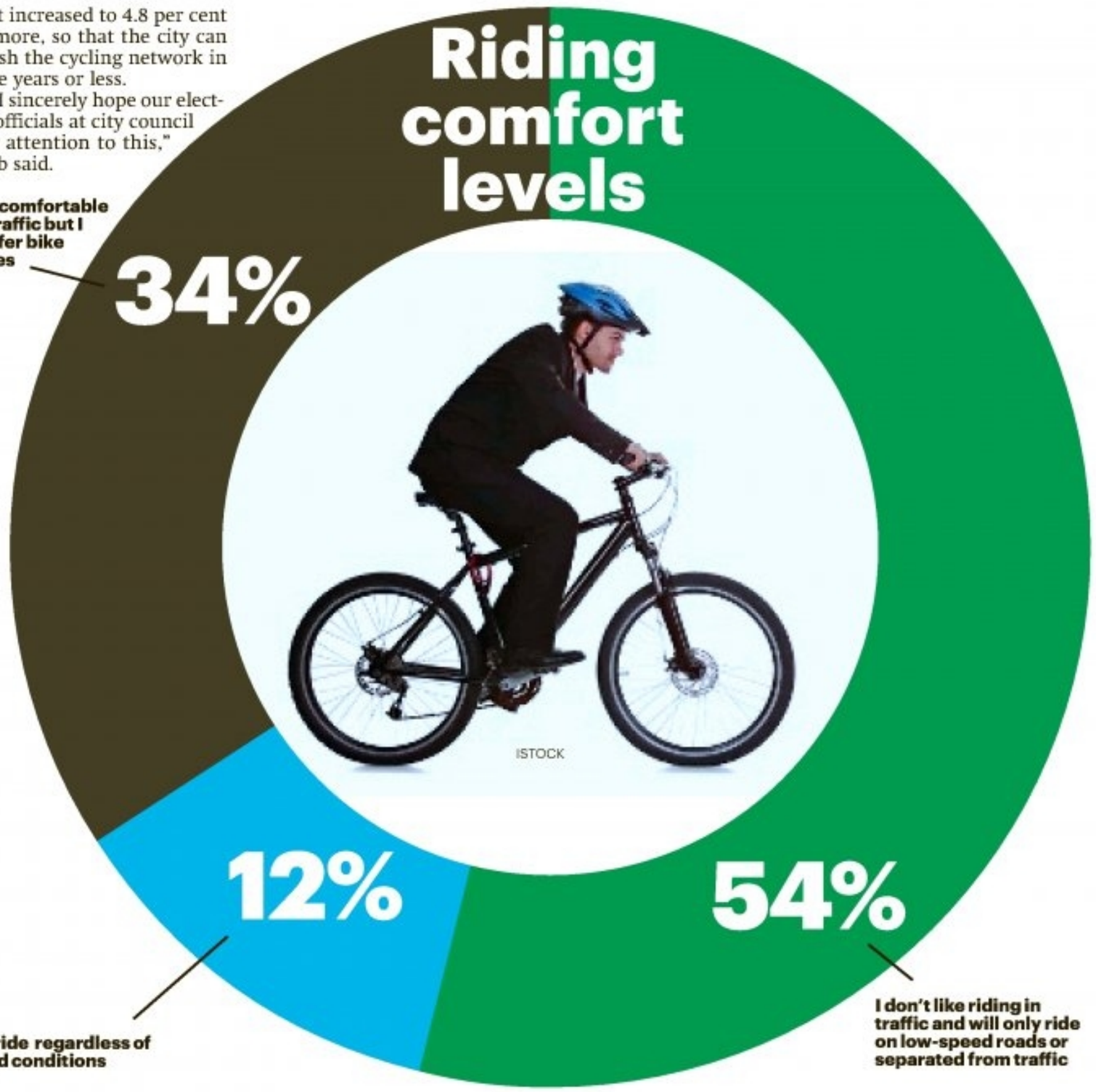
The issue will go to the executive committee on Monday.

Of those surveyed, 86 per cent say they support the plan, and 67 per cent said they want the city to spend more money to get it built faster.

"The perennial problem is that when it comes to cycling infrastructure, the pace at which it's been rolled out in the City of Toronto has been really slow," said Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb.

Toronto currently spends 2.4 per cent of its annual transportation budget on cycling. The majority of respondents said they would like to see that increased to 4.8 per cent or more, so that the city can finish the cycling network in nine years or less.

"I sincerely hope our elected officials at city council pay attention to this," Kolb said.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Work by Darwyn Cooke, who died Saturday from lung cancer. DC ENTERTAINMENT

Darwyn Cooke 'was one of a kind'

IN MEMORIAM

Toronto comic artist, 53, dies fighting battle with cancer

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

DC ENTERTAINMENT HANDOUT

The Toronto comics community is in mourning after a local "one of a kind" artist and writer passed away.

Darwyn Cooke, an Eisner Award-winning artist for DC Comics, died Saturday following a battle with cancer. He was 53.

Cooke was born in Toronto and made his DC Comics debut in 1985. He worked on Batman: The Animated Series in the 1990s and was best known for his work on DC's New Frontier series.

Although he had been splitting his time between Nova Scotia and Florida, those that knew Cooke say he never forgot his roots in Toronto.

"He was obviously a good Toronto boy," said Doug Simpson, manager at Paradise Comics on Yonge Street. "He participated in every convention, signing or charity thing in Toronto that you could possibly imagine."

Simpson said Cooke acted as a mentor to many young comic artists in Toronto.

"Darwyn was so generous with his time, and that's why so many people are touched by his death," he said. "You'll never encounter another creator like him. He was one of a kind."

Cooke's visual style left its mark on the comics industry, Simpson said, as did many of his writing choices.

"He was one of the first people to give Wonder Woman real strength as a character, instead of having her just stand there and look pretty," he said.

Cooke's family has asked those mourning his death to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Hero Initiative, a U.S. non-profit that offers financial assistance to comic creators in need.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

ODSP ditching paper for plastic

Queen's Park is introducing debit cards for disabled people on welfare who don't have bank accounts and are often forced to rely on cheque-cashing outlets to get their money.

More than 46,000 individuals on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) who receive paper cheques will benefit, provincial officials say, including almost 13,000 in Toronto.

"The reloadable payment card is one way we are moving social assistance into the 21st century and providing better service to our most vulnerable clients," said Social Services Minister Helena Jaczek. "This is a safer option for clients who don't have bank accounts."

The card, being issued by the Royal Bank, is modeled on a similar program introduced three years ago in Toronto. The program is for people on Ontario Works, a welfare program for people without disabilities administered by municipalities.

Under the provincial ODSP plan, funds will be downloaded monthly to the cards of eligible clients, who will be able to withdraw the money through any ATM or use the card for in-store or online purchases.

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Wards of change

ELECTORAL

Redrawn map boundaries would add 3 councillors

Toronto city council members debate the 2016 budget in February. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The city could welcome three new councillors in 2018 if a plan to redraw ward boundaries is approved.

Consultants hired by the city to build an electoral map that gives voters more equal representation are expected to recommend an option that shifts existing borders and increases the number of councillors from 44 to 47, Torstar News Service has learned.

If council approves that advice, which will be released in a report on Monday, one of the most significant changes will be the subdividing of the downtown core into smaller wards as part of the so-called "minimal change" option.

That proposal would also see a new ward created in North York and would redraw the boundaries of both Davenport constituencies (now represented by Couns. Ana Bailao and Cesar Palacio) along with the eastern Parkdale-High Park area (currently represented by Coun. Gord Perks) to create two wards where there were previously three — which could pit incumbent councillors against each other in the next election.

"What it means is that residents of Toronto who are living in wards that are in some cases more than double the average size, those residents will receive more effective representation," said first-term Coun. Joe Cressy, whose Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina is one of three downtown wards that would be divided.

An area currently represented by three downtown councillors (Cressy, Kristyn Wong-Tam and Pam McConnell) — stretching from north of St. Clair Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road to the waterfront, and from Bathurst Street to the Don Valley Parkway — would be split into six wards, according to the original minimal-change plan released last summer.

After consultations with the public and councillors pointed out several flaws and other hairsplitting over the division of neighbourhoods, some tweaks to the boundaries recommended are expected.

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We the faithful

Although the sky produced wind, hail and the occasional ray of sunshine on Sunday, Raptors faithful packed into the Jurassic Park fan zone remained far from fickle during Game 7 of the NBA semifinals against the Miami Heat.

Each of the 116 points racked up by Toronto's beloved ballers sparked jubilation from the masses crammed into the streets surrounding the Air Canada Centre.

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TELEVISION

Drake returns to SNL with CanCon and confidence

Drake acted as both host and musical guest. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drake is now an honoured member of the Saturday Night Live two-timers club.

The Toronto-bred rapper made his return to the show on the weekend, again pulling double duty as both host and musical guest, as he did in his first SNL gig in January 2014.

There were, of course, references to Canada, including a monologue joke about Americans fleeing north, frightened by the prospect of a Donald Trump presidency.

In a "Black Jeopardy" sketch, Drake played a Canadian contestant who baffles the show's quiz master with answers referencing such CanCon as the TTC, the Junos, rapper Kardinal Offishal and NHLer Jaromir Jagr.

He added a couple of music-video spoofs, including one in which he raps plaintively about being the punchline of social-media gags.

And while Drake's unorthodox dancing in his Hotline Bling video was ruthlessly parodied by SNL last fall, the ribbing didn't stop him from busting some moves while performing his song One Dance.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Newcomers given tour of arts scene

CULTURE

Booklet has quick blurbs on about 80 organizations

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Elizabeth Ferguson, left, and Camille Dziewurski display copies of Arts Arrive.
LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

What started as a simple school project has turned into something bigger: a guide to Toronto's arts scene for newcomers.

Eight students from the arts administration and cultural management program at Humber College have just published Arts Arrive, which gives new arrivals to Toronto a tour of the local arts community.

The booklet contains basic information about 80 organizations from a variety of artistic disciplines, including music, literature, theatre, film and visual arts.

"We essentially provide the contact information and a quick blurb about the organization, and then it is up to the reader to seek more information from whatever interests them," said Elizabeth Ferguson, one of the project leaders.

The booklets are currently being distributed at different refugee and immigrant settlement agencies, libraries, and college campuses.

The idea came from one classmate who, as an international student from Russia, felt there was little publicly available information about arts in the city.

"It can be very lonely moving to a new country," Ferguson said.

Knowing many newcomers also face financial barriers, the group chose to highlight smaller organizations that can offer free or affordable artistic entertainment.

It was also important to represent organizations from all over the city, not just in the downtown core, Ferguson said, so newcomers can see how far-reaching and diverse the arts scene is in Toronto.

Access to arts is an integral part of newcomers' successful integration and bringing people together, said COSTI Immigrant Services executive director Mario Calla.

"Art speaks the universal language," he said while applauding the student's initiative. "It gives newcomers with limited English and financial resources an opportunity to experience Canadian culture."

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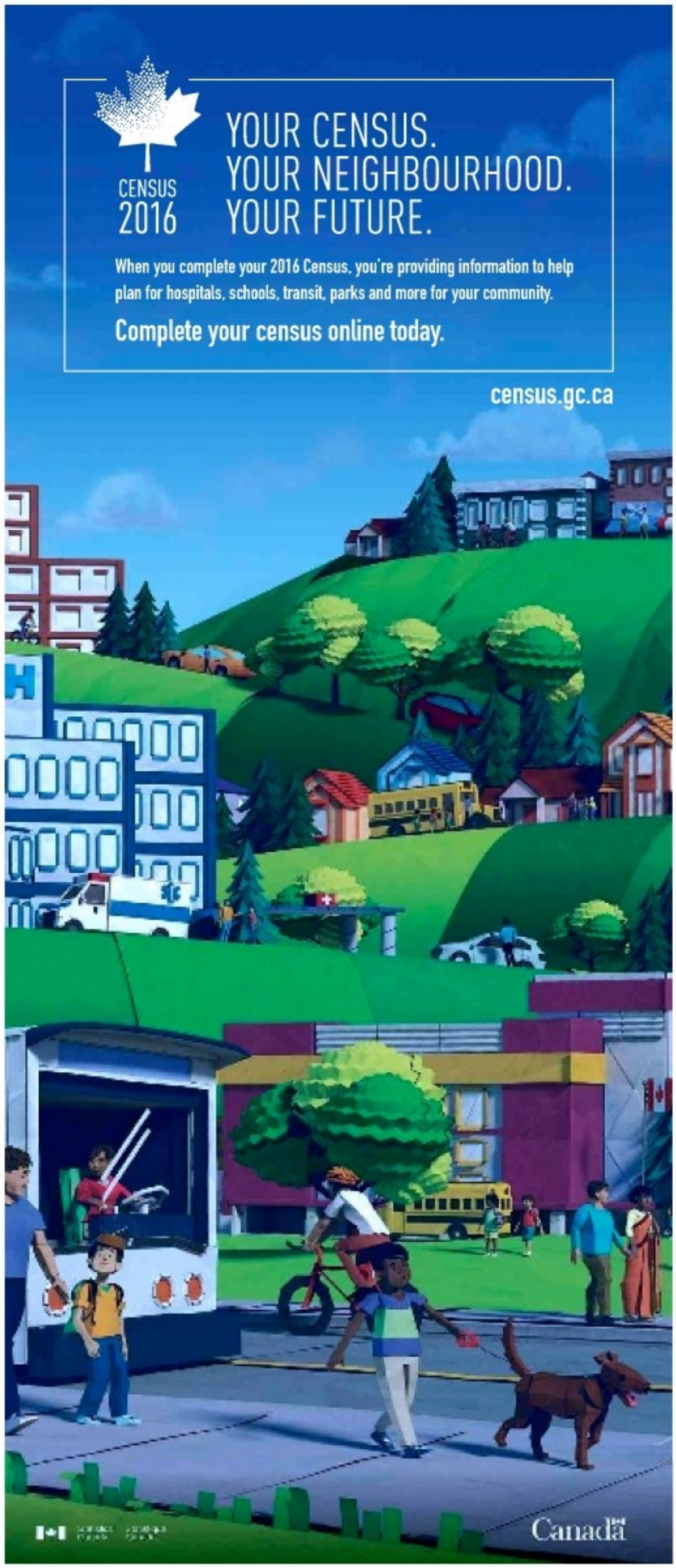
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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, left, and Fire Chief Darby Allen look over the devastation in Fort McMurray, Alta., on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wear Fort Mac close to your heart

JEWELRY

Designer sells necklace inspired by fire-torn city

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

For the people displaced from the Fort McMurray fire, their heart remains in their community. Now, an Edmonton jewelry designer is giving them an opportunity to show it.

Kristine MacDonald, who has sold copper jewelry through her website for several years, is now selling a piece with an outline of the province of Alberta and a heart over Fort McMurray.

MacDonald said it's a symbol for all the people who have had to leave their homes, because of the horrific fire.

"It's something that they can wear that is a reminder of home and symbol of the pride they have in their city," she said.

She posted the necklace on her website on Thursday and had to take it down on Friday afternoon, because she couldn't keep up with the demand. She plans to post it for sale again on Monday.

"I make them to order, so it just became way more than I can actually do."

Fort McMurray remains evacuated as workers move to restore utilities and put out remaining hot spots in the city. MacDonald said while most of the billing addresses are from Fort McMurray, the necklace is being shipped to evacuees all over the country.

"The shipping addresses have been all over Canada, mostly to the east coast."

The necklace with a heart over Fort McMurray. METRO

MacDonald gave $5 from every one of the initial purchases to the Red Cross and any further sales will have the same amount donated to the Alberta SPCA and the Edmonton Food Bank.

IN BRIEF

Feds, pension partnership

The Justin Trudeau government's enthusiasm about a big Montreal transit proposal has given Canadians a glimpse at one way Ottawa could fund billions in public infrastructure.

In recent days, senior Liberals have been talking up an unusual funding model for the $5.5-billion light-rail plan for Montreal, calling for a partnership that includes Ottawa and a public pension fund.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

ACCIDENT

Skydiver brightened rooms, friends say

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Kristin Czyz loved the big sky, sushi and a good glass of wine, according to close friends.

On Friday evening, the 34-year-old Canadian died when her parachute failed after jumping off Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sunday, Czyz's close friends remembered the ambitious woman who was full of energy.

Kristin Czyz
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"She was one of those types of people that when she walked in the room she made other people smile," said Dave Withrow, manager of Skydive Big Sky in Innisdail. "Just by being there."

Online service helps Germans make friends with newcomers

BERLIN

Let's integrate! helps refugees and locals meet and talk

During the height of the migrant crisis in Europe last fall, Lasse Landt came to a startling realization.

Thousands of migrants were pouring into Germany every day, but the 36-year-old startup consultant from Berlin hadn't met a single one of them.

"It was all over the media, every day on the talk shows you had people talking about the refugee crisis. I had never seen a refugee," said Landt. "I just wanted to find out if it was real."

His experience is typical for most Germans, and many have volunteered with charitable groups in part to meet the migrants they're hearing so much about. But Landt went further — and the result is a kind of dating website for Germans and migrants, albeit without the romantic aspect.

Cindy Spieker, Ahmed Haj Ali, Paul Spieker and Abdul Wahab, from left, get together in Berlin, Germany. The group met through a website called Let's integrate! that connects refugees and locals. JONA KALLGREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Together with Khaled Alaswad, a 25-year-old Syrian he met at a computer coding class for migrants in Berlin, Landt started a project to help refugees and locals meet up. Called Let's integrate!, it allows users to pick a time and location and set up a "date."

The idea is to set as low a hurdle as possible for the meeting. No preparation is needed — people just need to show up and hopefully have a good conversation. Or if the language barrier is too high, have a conversation with hand signals.

Alaswad said his friendship with Landt has helped him land on his feet in Germany.

"If the refugees never talk face to face with a local person, they will never know anything about the culture here," he said.

Germany registered around 1.1 million irregular migrants in 2015, most of them refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. But with the closure of the Balkans migration route from Greece to Germany, the number of migrants coming in has dropped dramatically this year.

The authorities are focusing on having migrants learn the language and get jobs. The German government has promised to introduce subsidized workplaces earmarked for refugees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Daesh attacks kill 29 in Iraq

Daesh launched a coordinated assault on a natural gas plant north of Baghdad that killed at least 14 people, while a string of other bomb attacks in or close to the capital killed 15 others, Iraqi officials said.

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Walls no solution: Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama on Sunday urged college graduates to shun those who want to confront a rapidly changing world by building walls around the United States or by embracing ignorance, as he delivered a sharp and barely concealed critique of Donald Trump.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt sentences 152 protesters to jail

Egyptian courts have in a single day convicted 152 protesters for breaking a law that bans demonstrations, sentencing them to up to five years in prison in a series of short mass trials. The cases are rooted in events on April 25.

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You love shopping online. You're not always super-careful about how many items you return because you believe in the no-hassle returns promise made by the retailer.

So you buy that camera to test it out. Some of the features are buggy, and you send it back. You buy a blazer in three different sizes but none of them fit right, so you return them all. You take a chance on that electronic device that is ridiculously cheap and it turns out to be junk. You send that back, too.

But buyer beware, a high rate of returned items can lead to a retailer banning customers, including online giants like Amazon.

Stories of being banned from Amazon populate the web.

Lucas Bean, 40, a California entrepreneur who describes himself as an Amazon fanboy, is one person who ran afoul of Amazon's return policy.

"I was basically an Amazon-brand ambassador," says Bean, who was an early adopter of online shopping.

He says his problems began in 2015, after he moved and Amazon continued to deliver parcels to his former address. He bought a video camera (from Amazon) to prove that deliveries weren't being made to his new home.

He refused to accept delivery of a damaged television. He returned a Samsung bluetooth headset because he thought it was counterfeit. But he also admits to returning some things that weren't worth returning.

> **I have the right to return something that is broken.**
> Lucas Bean

"I've returned quite a few items that were poor quality," says Bean. "But I have the right to return something that is broken."

Returns create multiple costs for retailers. Some pay for return postage, and even if they don't, restocking items costs money. If items are sold out of season, they have to be sold at a reduced price, or sold in bulk to a re-seller, liquidator or jobber, or at an affiliated clearance warehouse.

The items show up at flea markets, dinged or worn-looking or without a box, and some brands would rather trash their returned goods than have that happen.

Last year, $290 billion of sales were returned in the United States and Canada, according to statistics from The Retail Equation, a firm that provides return-optimization services to retailers.

Eight per cent of purchases from brick-and-mortar retail sales are returned. But up to 30 per cent of e-commerce exchanges involve a returned item.

An estimated 10 per cent of returns are thought to be either fraudulent or a misrepresentation of the facts — a fake receipt or someone returning something bought a year ago instead of yesterday, says Stephen O'Keefe, a loss prevention specialist with the Retail Council of Canada.

What many people don't know is that such scams could result in criminal charges. "If you buy a new television and put the old one into the box and try to return it, that's a fraud," says O'Keefe.

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Beef industry changes

When Ben Campbell heard Earls was switching to Certified Humane beef from the U.S., he had a different reaction than many Alberta ranchers.

The 32-year-old raises grass-fed cattle without added hormones at his ranch in Black Diamond, about 60 kilometres southwest of Calgary. He sells directly to customers, often inviting them to visit the rolling hills where his animals graze.

To Campbell, Earls' decision was a response to a trend he had seen firsthand: growing consumer demand for ethical meat. And though Earls backtracked after a social media slaughtering, Campbell said the beef industry can learn from the controversy.

Alberta ranchers say Canada is a leader in animal welfare standards. But companies like Earls and McDonald's are increasingly finding that customers, especially millennials, want proof that meat was raised humanely — forcing the industry to embrace certification programs it once resisted.

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THE QUESTION

At my local convenience store, I was told the law says when a customer has more than five lottery tickets, other customers must be helped first. I've never heard of such a law. And there was no sign letting people know about it. What should I have done?

Dear Ellen,

I recently checked my lottery tickets at a Mac's convenience store. I had less than 10 tickets and was the only customer when I handed them over to the employee at the till. But when another customer came in, she put my tickets aside to help him. As more customers came in, another employee showed up and checked my tickets. I asked why I was made to wait since I was first at the till. They told me there is a law (or bylaw) that says when a customer has more than five tickets, they have to help other customers first. Does this law (or bylaw) really exist? Probably they were right and I don't want to get mad at them. But I have never seen a sign letting customers know about such a law (or bylaw).

Regards,
M.M.F.

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Dear M.M.F.,

You certainly don't need any etiquette advice. It sounds as if you handled the situation perfectly. You were told to wait, you politely waited and, when you asked why you were made to wait, you graciously accepted their explanation.

Which, by the way, is utter hogwash.

I'm not sure what city you're writing from, but (after a quick Google search and accessing my own common-sense circuits) I'll bet you 10 winning lottery tickets that no such law or bylaw exists there or anywhere else in Canada.

I'll bet you 10 winning lottery tickets that no such law exists anywhere in Canada.

Nor would such a law make sense. The store is profiting on its sale of lottery tickets, and part of the service included in the sale is to check the tickets. Value judgments about the commodity being sold do not legally apply. The customer who shows up to buy milk is not entitled to better service than a customer who buys lottery tickets.

Individual stores, such as Mac's, might have a private-company policy dictating that customers with multiple lottery tickets must wait while other customers are served first. But if your convenience store has this policy, you are right to expect the rule to be made clear on a sign near the till.

In an effort to be as gracious as you, I will concede the possibility that the employees you dealt with were not malicious liars or rude, incompetent dimwits. It's possible the store has such a policy, but management didn't bother to put up a sign. It's possible the store has such a policy, but the employees were confused about the difference between the words "policy" and "law" or "bylaw." It's possible that once upon a time there really was a giant, crystal-clear sign near the till, but it blew away in a mysterious gust of wind one dark night when a comic book superhero dropped by to pick up milk, because of the laws and bylaws that require special effects whenever a lead character enters a scene.

In any case, dear M.M.F., I commend you on your excellent manners, and suggest that you write to Mac's management directly. Describe what happened, ask about store policy around checking multiple tickets, and — if the policy exists — suggest they make sure a sign is in place instead of allowing employees to intimidate loyal customers such as yourself with tales of imaginary laws.

Need advice?
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Keeping women from the priesthood is keeping us from power

It is odd, the things you do and do not discuss with your mother.

I'm a faithful child of a devout Catholic (the long delayed delivery of an annotated Bible has caused her melancholy lately), and an avowed feminist, but I can't recall ever debating the maleness of the church with my mom.

Most Sundays of my childhood and many since, after listening to yet another man preach, we never turned to each other and said: "So, what do you think about that?"

I know what I think. I think it's bulls--t. I think God created Adam in human form, and the maleness was not the point, though highly convenient for such a patriarchal time. (Jesus' sex is a main reason given for the men-only priesthood.)

Other arguments to keep women out of the clergy are laughable. Take Rev. Wojciech Giertych, Pope Benedict XVI's theologian, who told the Catholic Register in 2013 that men are "more likely to think of God in terms of philosophical definitions and logical syllogisms" — i.e. , more likely to use reason. Oh, and men also think in a "male way" about "the building of the church, about the roof of the church which is leaking, about the bishop's conferences." Right.

It's not just the priesthood, the key mechanism of power, which is kept from women. We are also excluded from other ministries.

Last week Pope Francis, our slow moving source of hope, vowed to strike a commission to study whether women can be deacons — ordained ministers who can conduct marriages, funerals and prayers, but not mass.

Women were deacons in the early church, and it's something Quebec archbishop Paul-André Durocher had advocated as a way to increase roles for women.

To quote my mother, the move would be "baby steps." But to quote her again, "The Pope has a lot on the go."

I called her yesterday to finally get her take on the justification that priests are men because the apostles were. "I have to admit I'm not persuaded," she said. "Women were the ones (Jesus) revealed himself to at the tomb," after all.

A full 75 per cent of Canadian Catholics support the idea of women priests, never mind the lesser deacons. But we shouldn't hold our breath while theologians like Giertych hold sway. "The relationship of love, of attachment, the spousal relationship to Christ is easier for the woman," he said. "So women don't need the priesthood ... because their mission is so beautiful in the church anyway."

With women in the church, it seems it really does always come down to sexuality.

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Tapping our way into debt

NEW SERVICES

Experts worry Apple Pay and other tech will blow budgets

Technology is making buying things easier, but credit counsellors want you to remember that paying for them is still as difficult as ever.

Jeff Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada, says the ease with which consumers can buy things these days could spell trouble for those who have difficulty controlling their spending.

"It is allowing many consumers to avoid the harsh reality of what is going on inside their bank account or even inside their wallet," he said.

With the expansion of Apple Pay this week, Canadians added yet another way to quickly pay for their purchases without even opening their wallets.

The addition of the big Canadian banks to the service adds to the already numerous ways shoppers have to pay for things quickly, including Interac Flash, MasterCard Tap & Go, Visa payWave, and American Contactless Payments.

Schwartz said the physical aspect of pulling out your wallet and taking the cash out to make a purchase is very different from using a phone.

"You really have to say that I am willing, ready and able and want to make this purchase," he said.

"There is a real mental link between you actually going in and making that purchase versus just whipping open your phone, throwing it on the scanner and you're done."

The plethora of new ways for people to more easily spend their hard-earned dollars comes amid concerns about household debt levels.

Statistics Canada has reported that for the fourth quarter of last year, the ratio of household debt to disposable income climbed to a new peak of $1.65 in debt for every dollar earned after taxes and other fees paid to government.

Credit counsellor Pamela George says the convenience of the new ways to pay for purchases can be problematic for some individuals.

"The problems happen where people are just putting it on a credit card and they don't have a clue where or how they're paying it," said George, who works at the Credit Counselling Society in Ottawa.

She recommends clients withdraw the cash they've allocated in their budget and when it is spent, they're done.

"The problem starts when you don't track your spending and then you just keep swiping the card," she said.

But technology can also be used to help.

While a smartphone can help make it easier to spend money, it can also help track spending if you use a budgeting app.

Schwartz's says his agency offers a free app for Apple devices that allows users to keep a record of spending and download it to a spreadsheet.

"That is the upside to the technology. But the basis behind it is budgeting and understanding what money you have coming in, understanding what money you have going out and understanding what money you have potentially available," he said.

George recommends her clients simply stick to cash if they really want to control their spending.

"It is harder to break a $20 bill for a $3 cup of coffee than it is to just tap a card," she said.

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While a smartphone can help make it **easier to spend money**, it can also **help track spending** if you use a budgeting app. ISTOCK

$ WORKING

Former bank exec works for equality in C-suite

Jennifer Reynolds spent 15 years working in capital markets, but three years ago, she'd finally had enough of being the only woman at the table.

"It never occurred to me that in 2016, the boardrooms of this country would look the way they look," she said.

Reynolds (pictured left) moved on, and is now president of Women in Capital Markets, an organization bent on making space for more women in that very place. Efforts to diversify financial institutions' workforces have reached the C-suite and executive offices. The push includes educating girls about the financial industry in high school, Reynolds says.

In Canada, more than 60 per cent of university graduates are women, but Statistics Canada found women are less likely to choose a science, technology, engineering and math program "regardless of mathematical ability."

Roman Dubzcak, CIBC's head of global investment banking, says you have to see how many women are working in junior roles and extrapolate that into the future to figure out when we'll start seeing more female execs in Canadian banks. "It could be really, really soon."

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'My purpose ... is to bring people comfort'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Khelie Mulligan, 42, PSW and Geriatric Activity Coordinator at Douglas Care, Victoria, BC

From a young age I volunteered as a personal care attendant. I was always interested in helping people with Alzheimer's disease. My grandfather was a doctor and seeing his own health decline as he aged motivated me to learn more about how I can help people living with dementia.

I attended Victoria Elder Care College to obtain certification as a personal support worker (PSW) and resident care attendant, before obtaining a diploma in geriatric activity coordination at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. My practicum in geriatric healthcare was at Douglas Care Trillium Communities, where I later obtained a full-time position as PSW and part-time role as activity coordinator for about 30 residents with advanced dementia.

My main job is to organize daily activities based on residents' needs and mental/physical states of being, including outdoor activities and birthday events. My purpose in career and in life is to bring people comfort — whether it's for a resident, friend or family member. This field can be very rewarding, but also challenging and emotional as it's difficult to lose people you care about. PSWs never stop working. But we love to have fun; we do a lot of laughing and singing with the residents ... Or I'll sing and they'll laugh.

THE BASICS: Personal Support Worker

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Median wage of personal support workers, according to PayScale.com. The average wage works out to be about **$15.40** per hour. Some PSWs can earn up to **$42,149** as they advance to positions in long-term care and disability support.

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HOW TO START

Most colleges across Canada offer relevant PSW programs, with the option of doing a placement in a retirement home, private home or clinical care setting to assist a range of clients with daily living activities and personal care requirements.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

In 2015, the number of Canadians aged 65 and up stood at approximately 5.8 million. By 2035, the same demographic is projected to reach 10.1 million. A current shortage of workers in this occupation means there's a wealth of opportunities. The replacement demand because of retirements also calls for more assistants specializing in other areas of medicine like neurology and geriatrics.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Having a least one year of steady experience aids in advancement. A PSW will find it easier to transition into roles of registered practical nurse or registered nurse with hands-on clinical care training, and some employers may encourage specialized training courses to improve knowledge.

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Beasts finally unleashed

RAPTORS
TORONTO WINS SERIES

Canada's team shrugs off Heat to earn first trip to East final

The Toronto Raptors had waited two decades for this moment.

And as the clocked ticked down on a historic victory that launched the Raptors into the NBA Eastern Conference final for the first time in 21 years, Kyle Lowry sat on the bench, his head bowed and draped in a towel.

The Raptors' star on the day was lost in thought.

"Just the things that we'd been through this year, and how hard we've worked," Lowry said of the moment. "Just an emotional time, just being able to sit there and relax, and kind of breathe.

"Playing against a team like Miami, it pushed us to the limit, and so it was just a time to relax and just think about the things that we've done."

The Raptors head into uncharted territory against the Cleveland Cavaliers after a thorough 116-89 dismantling of Miami in Sunday's thrilling do-or-die Game 7.

Lowry had 35 points while DeMar DeRozan chipped in with 28, playing with the heart and hustle Raptors fans had seen so many times in Toronto's record-breaking 56-win regular season. And they got plenty of help, as Bismack Biyombo had 16 rebounds to go with 17 points, DeMarre Carroll chipped in with 14 points, and Patrick Patterson had 11 points and 11 boards.

Dwane Casey called the series victory a "very important" step for the franchise, but added: "We're not done yet."

"I know what it's like to win a championship," the Raptors coach said. "I'm not saying we can do that, but I think this group is hungry and never say never. I know one thing: our guys will compete."

GAME 7 At ACC

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In a fierce back-and-forth series that featured three overtime games, and a slew of injuries, the thrilling finale saw the Raptors lead most of the way. They battled hard on both ends of the floor with a ferocity they hadn't shown in this series, and opened up a 17-point lead in a solid third quarter.

They went into the fourth ahead 86-78, and when Biyombo muscled his way in for a monstrous dunk — and Usain Bolt celebration — and then Carroll drilled a three, the delirious Air Canada Centre crowd went nuts.

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Raptors centre Bismack Biyombo dunks over Heat guards Josh Richardson, left and Goran Dragic on Sunday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LeBron's game face back on

As the score became more and more lopsided in Toronto, LeBron James started to change.

And as the final seconds ticked toward all zeroes on the clock, James took one last look at the scoreboard at the bottom of the TV screen and decided it was time to get serious again.

"Uh, 114-86," James said, relaying the Raptors' huge lead over the Miami Heat in the waning moments of their Game 7. "That's when I flipped the switch."

James and the Cavaliers, who haven't played since wrapping up their second four-game sweep of the playoffs on May 8, are back in playoff mode. Bring on Toronto.

James met with media members shortly after the Toronto-Cleveland series became official. The four-time MVP wasn't as talkative as earlier in the work and chose his words carefully as he discussed the Raptors, who won two of three against the Cavs during the regular season.

"We're a totally different team than the regular season," James warned.

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Flipping mad

MLB

Emotions boil over to blows as Rangers target Bautista

Jose Bautista slid hard into second base, stood up and found himself face-to-face with Texas' Rougned Odor.

Next thing the Toronto slugger knew, he was rattled by a punch to the jaw that sent his batting helmet and sunglasses flying.

A feud simmering since Bautista's bat flip in last year's AL Division Series boiled over into a wild brawl that ultimately triggered six of the eight ejections in the Blue Jays' 7-6 loss on Sunday.

"I was pretty surprised," Bautista said. "I mean, obviously, that's the only reason that he got me and he got me pretty good, so I have to give him that. It takes a little bit bigger man to knock me down."

Perhaps it's a good thing the Rangers and Blue Jays have played for the final time this season. As for the playoffs, well, that would be interesting.

Texas is headed to Oakland, and the Blue Jays back home to Toronto, the site of last year's emotional meeting in the playoffs. That's when Bautista capped a wild seventh inning with a clutch three-run homer and the monumental bat flip that angered Texas.

This time, Bautista was upset by getting hit by an eighth-inning pitch from 30-year-old Texas rookie Matt Bush (1-0). Toronto manager John Gibbons, who was ejected in the third inning over an argument about balls and strikes, came back to the field for the brawl.

Adrian Beltre holds Jose Bautista back during Sunday afternoon's big eighth-inning dustup.
RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

SUNDAY In Arlington

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RANGERS	BLUE JAYS

He suggested the Rangers were retaliating for Bautista's bat flip in the eighth inning of the last of seven games between the teams this season. Texas beat Toronto in a series for the first time since 2012, but the Blue Jays had a 4-3 edge for the season.

"It was ugly and unfortunate," Gibbons said. "To me, it was gutless. The other 29 teams, they come at you right away, but to wait until the end, it just sort of tells you something. Everybody is going to say, 'Oh, it was a one-run game. The ball got away.' That ain't going to fly."

Crew chief Dale Scott told a pool reporter that Gibbons' return "will be in the report and Major League Baseball will take care of it."

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A bomb-sniffing dog works on the side of the pitch at Old Trafford on Sunday. OLI SCARFF/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

PREMIER LEAGUE

Old Trafford cleared over bomb scare

A fake bomb left behind during a security exercise led police to evacuate Manchester United's home stadium on Sunday, disrupting the final day of the English Premier League season and bringing embarrassment to one of the world's best-known sports teams.

Police initially described the device as "incredibly lifelike" as United's planned match with Bournemouth was cancelled, to boos from some fans, and a controlled explosion was carried out.

But hours later, bomb technicians reported it was a fake. And a later statement by police said the device had been inadvertently left in a toilet during an earlier training exercise involving sniffer dogs.

The Premier League has rescheduled the match for Tuesday. United said it was investigating the incident.

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IN BRIEF

Day puts stamp on No. 1 ranking at TPC Sawgrass

The best field in golf was no match for Jason Day at The Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Day caused only a little drama Sunday in what otherwise felt more like another coronation for the 28-year-old Australian. He led by at least two shots the entire round, played bogey-free on the back nine and closed with a 1-under 71 to win $1.89 million.

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Sports minister apologizes for Russian doping woes

Russia has a "problem" with doping and is "very sorry" that its athletes were not caught sooner, the country's sports minister said.

Russia was suspended by the IAAF last fall following a WADA report that found state-sponsored cheating.

"Serious mistakes have been made by the federation management, along with athletes and coaches who have broken anti-doping rules and neglected the principle of fair play," Vitaly Mutko, wrote in the British Sunday Times.

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RECIPE Fresh Tomato Spaghetti

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For Metro Canada

The longest part of this recipe is waiting for you pasta water to boil. In minutes you'll be eating this light, fresh spring pasta.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 cups fresh tomatoes, washed and chopped
- 1 head of arugula, washed and rough chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 500 gram package of whole wheat spaghetti
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Put a big pot of well salted water on to boil. In a saute pan, bring the olive oil to low medium heat. Add minced garlic and allow to cook but not brown. Remove pan from heat.

2. Place your spaghetti noodles in the boiling water and cook as long as the package instructions dictate. Scoop out a cup of water out of the post before draining - this is a good habit to get into. The starchy water is a great way to loosen up a too-thick sauce, plus it adds a certain slickness to your pastas. Drain your noodles well before tossing them back in the pot.

3. Add the garlic-infused oil and vinegar and toss well until all of the spaghetti is well coated. Now add your tomatoes and toss again. Throw in the arugula and give it another good mix so there are pieces of green throughout. Season with salt and pepper.

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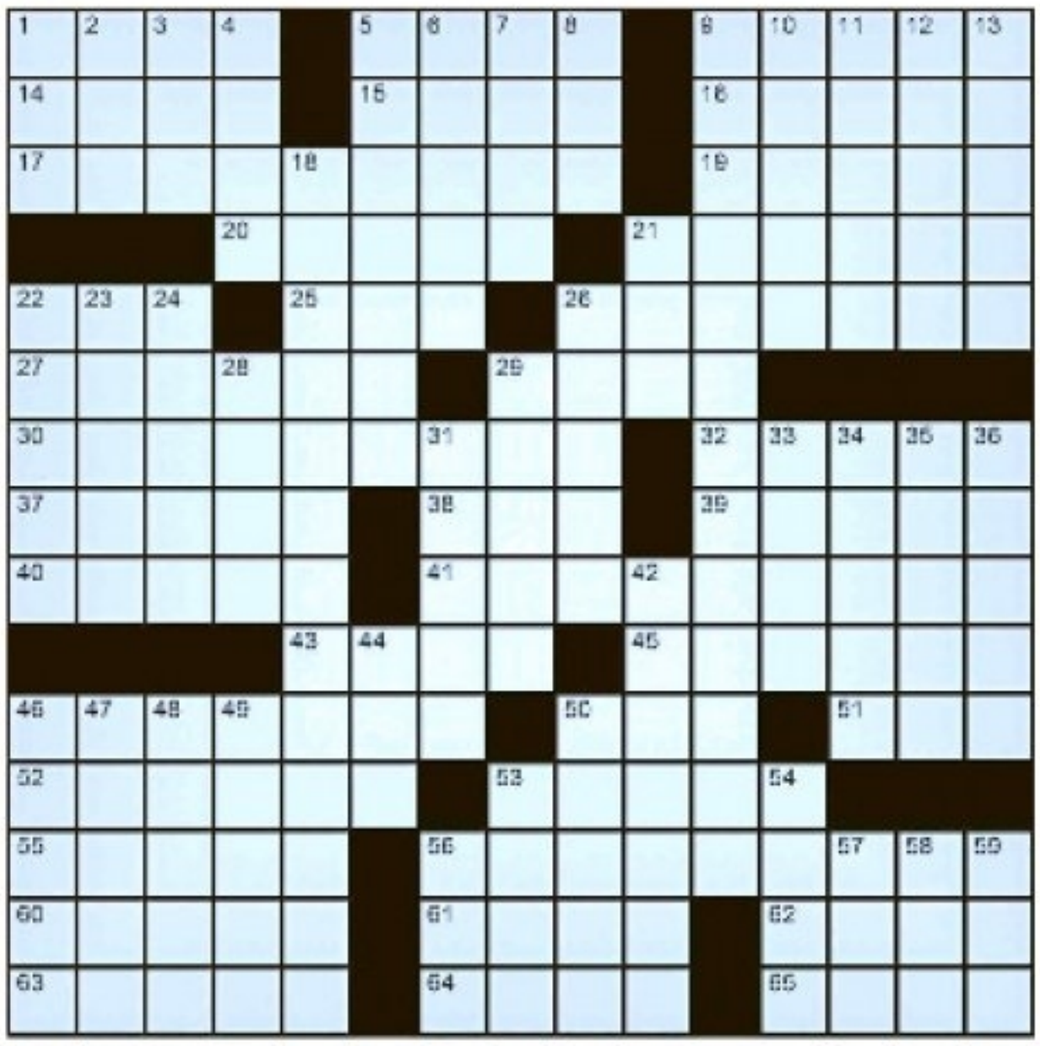

ACROSS
1. "Roger, _ and out."
5. Let it stand, in proofreading
9. Does this pre-blood test
14. Throw _ _ loop
15. Samovars
16. "_ _ favour, say 'Aye'."
17. Earlier-in-time movie scene
19. Greatly gaze
20. "When a Man Loves a Woman" by _ Sledge
21. Electric _ (Beard trimmer)
22. Cleopatra's snake
25. Thumbs-up meaning
26. Most just
27. "Toxic" by Britney _
29. Ti-Cat's foe on the football field
30. DJ's instrument
32. Bite into, puppy-style: 2 wds.
37. Gives off
38. 'Ballad' suffix
39. Concealed
40. "The Beachcombers" character
41. Chant for music-making monks
43. "Get Down _ _" by Kool & The Gang
45. Melanie's portrayer in "Gone with the Wind" (1939)
46. Posh hairstyle
50. Athlete's injury scan, commonly
51. Friends to Hmmms and Ums
52. Confines
53. Period _ (Historic flick)
55. Computer company
56. Canadian world music guitarist: 2 wds.
60. Jan _ (Dutch painter)
61. Russian city
62. 'Home of the Bisons' sch. in Winnipeg, _ _ _
63. "The Planets" composer Gustav
64. Quasi
65. Bldg. rental units

DOWN
1. Sour
2. Li'l loudness
3. 'E' of BCE
4. Vex the vocalist's vocals
5. Secretly, in Latin: 2 wds.
6. Music selection on a record
7. 'Consist' suffix
8. "For shame!"
9. Critiques-of-celebrity-styles show on E!: 2 wds.
10. Chapel area
11. "_ to Love" by Bryan Ferry
12. Loses steam
13. Hagar the Horrible's dog
18. Satisfyingly happy sounding Newfoundland town: 2 wds.
21. Droop
22. Michaelmas daisy
23. Sea foam
24. Hazard
26. Soeur's brother
28. Opposing
29. Warning signal
31. Set about
33. Yesterday, in Italy
34. Couture collection, Armani _
35. Irish tune: "Robin _"
36. Salmons canned store shelf neighbours
42. Port Perry, Ontario born co-host of #9-Down, Brad _
44. Headshakes
46. "_ of the Titans" (2010) starring Liam Neeson
47. "_ _ Be Square" by Huey Lewis & The News
48. Press onward
49. 1966 John Barth novel, _ Goat-Boy
50. Bette Midler, The Divine _ _
53. Mere's man
54. Quito is its cap.
56. _ Louis (Canadian cakes-in-a-box brand)
57. Basketball play, Alley-_
58. Commonly, curtly
59. Cdn. driving measures

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Loved ones and partners will be more important than usual today, because they give you a feeling of security and support. Right now, this is what you need.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you might have health issues or be concerned about your health. When working with others, don't play the martyr game. Stick up for yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with females will improve today. Personally, you will find it difficult to conceal your feelings from others; however, don't worry about it. We all have feelings.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might enjoy being by yourself today or cocooning at home, because you feel a need for privacy. Something might happen that makes you see how much your habits control your life.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you want to talk to people at a real gut level. You don't want to spend time in superficial conversation talking about the weather.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Earnings, cash flow and your possessions will be your focus today. In fact, it will please you to be surrounded by familiar objects from your past. You might want to clean or repair them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional and subjective. Your concerns are about yourself, and this is just fine.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be tempted to withdraw from others today because you feel the need for privacy. Indeed, this is a good day to be alone so that you can get a better handle on your life.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friendships are important to you today. You might feel protective about a friend, even jealous. It's also a good day to examine your goals.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
For some reason, aspects of your personal life might be put on public display today, or you might find it difficult to hide things about yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do something different today, because you have an urge for adventure. Break free from your daily routine. Go someplace you've never been before.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your emotional experiences are more intense than usual today. However, don't worry about this. It's just the Moon passing through a certain part of your chart.

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